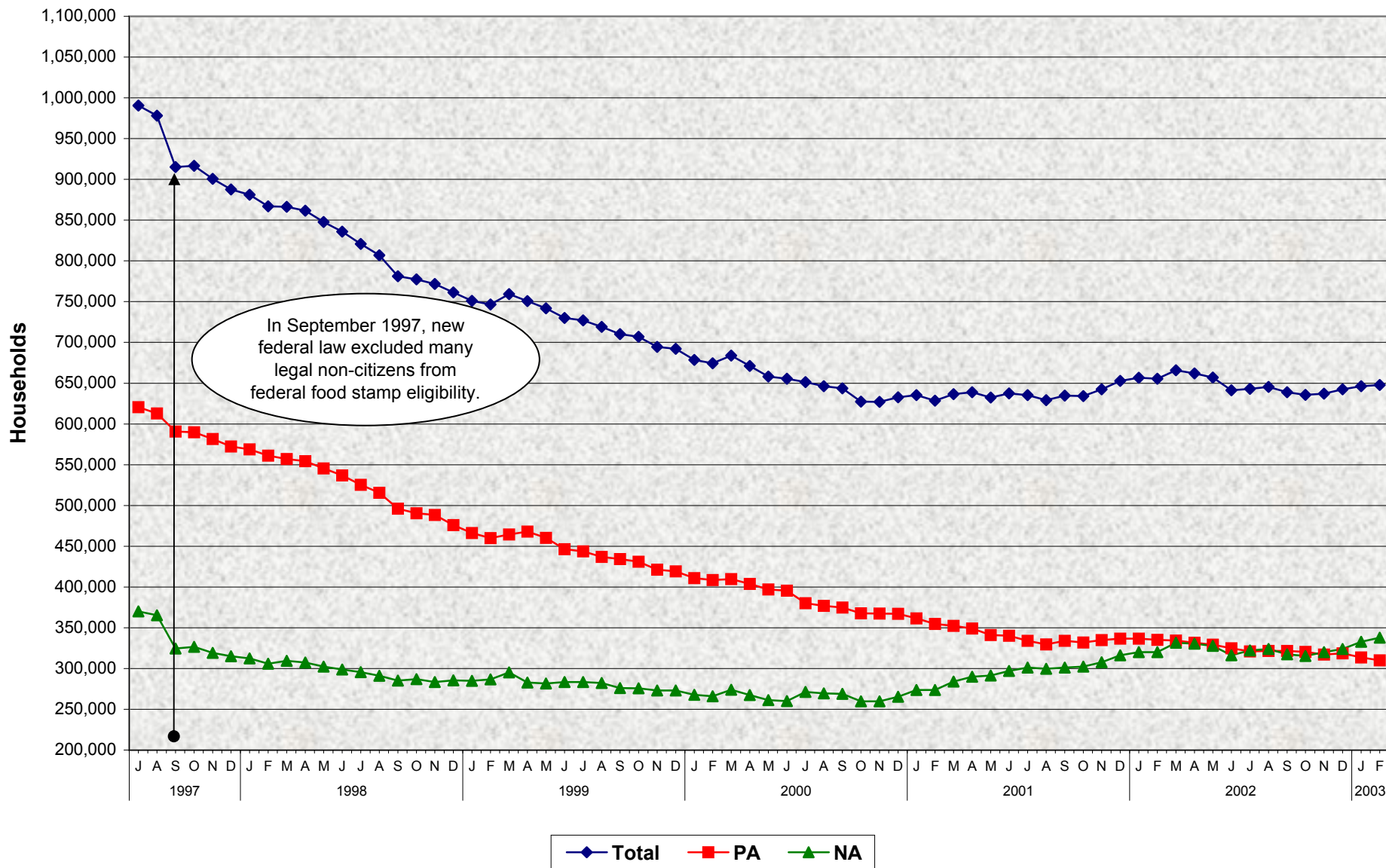


Federal Food Stamp Program^{a/} **Total, Public Assistance (PA) and Nonassistance (NA) Households** **July 1997 - February 2003^{b/}**



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MONTHLY PERCENT CHANGE

		Jul	% Chg	Aug	% Chg	Sep	% Chg	Oct	% Chg	Nov	% Chg	Dec	% Chg	Jan	% Chg	Feb	% Chg	Mar	% Chg	Apr	% Chg	May	% Chg	Jun	% Chg
97/98	Total	990,624	-1.7%	978,229	-1.3%	915,205	-6.4%	916,601	0.2%	900,697	-1.7%	887,513	-1.5%	881,154	-0.7%	867,006	-1.6%	866,393	-0.1%	861,487	-0.6%	847,766	-1.6%	835,738	-1.4%
	PA	620,551	-1.9%	612,953	-1.2%	590,666	-3.6%	589,950	-0.1%	581,528	-1.4%	572,468	-1.6%	568,806	-0.6%	561,104	-1.4%	556,887	-0.8%	554,259	-0.5%	545,488	-1.6%	536,855	-1.6%
	NA	370,073	-1.4%	365,276	-1.3%	324,539	-11.2%	326,651	0.7%	319,169	-2.3%	315,045	-1.3%	312,348	-0.9%	305,902	-2.1%	309,506	1.2%	307,228	-0.7%	302,278	-1.6%	298,883	-1.1%
98/99	Total	820,859	-1.8%	806,922	-1.7%	781,103	-3.2%	777,404	-0.5%	771,643	-0.7%	761,401	-1.3%	751,091	-1.4%	746,659	-0.6%	759,382	1.7%	750,735	-1.1%	741,940	-1.2%	729,964	-1.6%
	PA	525,225	-2.2%	515,691	-1.8%	496,021	-3.8%	490,339	-1.1%	488,229	-0.4%	475,974	-2.5%	466,083	-2.1%	459,986	-1.3%	464,279	0.9%	467,890	0.8%	460,272	-1.6%	446,455	-3.0%
	NA	295,634	-1.1%	291,231	-1.5%	285,082	-2.1%	287,065	0.7%	283,414	-1.3%	285,427	0.7%	285,009	-0.1%	286,673	0.6%	295,103	2.9%	282,845	-4.2%	281,668	-0.4%	283,509	0.7%
99/00	Total	727,130	-0.4%	719,022	-1.1%	710,305	-1.2%	706,809	-0.5%	694,562	-1.7%	692,207	-0.3%	678,604	-2.0%	674,437	-0.6%	683,864	1.4%	671,011	-1.9%	658,202	-1.9%	655,347	-0.4%
	PA	443,771	-0.6%	436,769	-1.6%	434,156	-0.6%	430,962	-0.7%	421,371	-2.2%	419,244	-0.5%	410,943	-2.0%	408,548	-0.6%	409,796	0.3%	403,704	-1.5%	397,120	-1.6%	395,436	-0.4%
	NA	283,360	-0.1%	282,253	-0.4%	276,149	-2.2%	275,847	-0.1%	273,192	-1.0%	272,963	-0.1%	267,661	-1.9%	265,890	-0.7%	274,068	3.1%	267,307	-2.5%	261,082	-2.3%	259,910	-0.4%
00/01	Total	651,418	-0.6%	646,346	-0.8%	643,596	-0.4%	627,436	-2.5%	627,105	-0.1%	632,680	0.9%	635,222	0.4%	628,464	-1.1%	636,432	1.3%	638,963	0.4%	632,469	-1.0%	637,371	0.8%
	PA	380,099	-3.9%	376,969	-0.8%	374,812	-0.6%	367,749	-1.9%	367,395	-0.1%	367,246	0.0%	361,521	-1.6%	354,777	-1.9%	352,396	-0.7%	348,992	-1.0%	341,177	-2.2%	340,227	-0.3%
	NA	271,319	4.4%	269,376	-0.7%	268,784	-0.2%	259,687	-3.4%	259,710	0.0%	265,434	2.2%	273,700	3.1%	273,687	0.0%	284,036	3.8%	289,971	2.1%	291,292	0.5%	297,144	2.0%
01/02	Total	635,267	-0.3%	629,045	-1.0%	634,906	-0.3%	634,266	1.1%	642,414	1.3%	652,747	1.6%	656,666	0.6%	655,360	-0.2%	665,851	1.6%	661,929	-0.6%	656,969	-0.7%	641,221	-2.4%
	PA	334,015	-1.8%	329,478	-1.4%	333,837	1.3%	331,943	-0.6%	334,766	0.9%	336,660	0.6%	336,685	0.0%	335,134	-0.5%	334,231	-0.3%	331,478	-0.8%	329,126	-0.7%	324,876	-1.3%
	NA	301,252	1.4%	299,567	-0.6%	301,069	-2.0%	302,323	3.0%	307,638	1.8%	316,087	2.7%	319,980	1.2%	320,226	0.1%	331,621	3.6%	330,451	-0.4%	327,843	-0.8%	316,344	-3.5%
02/03	Total	643,119	0.3%	645,313	0.3%	639,035	-1.0%	635,557	-0.5%	637,192	0.3%	642,500	0.8%	638,062	-0.7%	647,814	1.5%								
	PA	320,918	-1.2%	321,413	0.2%	321,574	0.1%	320,234	-0.4%	317,233	-0.9%	318,459	0.4%	307,771	-3.4%	309,881	0.7%								
	NA	322,202	1.9%	323,900	0.5%	317,460	-2.0%	315,323	-0.7%	319,959	1.5%	324,041	1.3%	330,290	1.9%	337,933	2.3%								

NOTE: The number of federal households is the total federal-only households plus the federal share of combined households (households which include federally eligible and California Food Stamp Assistance Program [CFAP] eligible persons). The federal share of combined households is calculated using a proration based on the number of federal and CFAP persons in combined households.

TRENDS

- **Food Stamp households increased 1.5% between January 2003 and February 2003.**
0.7% increase in PA households
2.3% increase in NA households
- **Food Stamp households decreased 1.2% between February 2002 and February 2003.**
7.5% decrease in PA households
5.5% increase in NA households
- **Although the number of Food Stamp households was steadily declining, there was a larger than usual decrease (6.4%) in September of 1997 when the federal law changed to exclude many legal non-citizens from participation.**
- **In September 1997, CFAP was implemented to provide food stamp benefits to a portion of the legal non-citizens who were previously excluded from participation by federal law.**

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